Feb. 26, 1927.

Mr. Ralph S. Collier,
Comer, Ga.

Dear Mr. Collier:

I have yours of February 23rd and thank you.

Enclosed find carbon copy of letter that I am sending out to the various Colliers of the State, giving much information.

You will see that your father's name from England and was handed down from generation to generation, as Isaac Collier, Jr., who was a son of Isaac Sr. of London, England brought his wife, Sarah Lockley Collier, with him when he came to America during the 16th century, and this is where the name came into the Collier family.

You will also see John T. Collier mentioned in this letter, and this is the first time I have been able to get a trace of his branch of the family.

We find Miles mentioned quite frequently in the family, and also George Washington.

It will doubtless be interesting to you to know that the Collier family, back in the 16th century, were neighbors of the Washingtons in England and it appears that they came to America together.

Your grandfather's full Christian name was John Vines not Vinson, as this name has been handed down for many generations.

If you think of anything else, kindly let me hear from you.

Your great-grandfather, William Collier, married Sallie Powell and not Mima as you have it. He was born in Brunswick County, Va.

Investigate more closely and see whether your great-grandfather was named William or Williamson, as they were brothers. If he was named "William"our records show that he married Sarah Powell in 1801, and if it was "Williamson" my records show that he was born in Oglethorpe County in 1781 and married Jemena Powell in 1803, who was a sister to Sallie Powell that married William.

Sarah Collier married Harrison King Smith in 1804.

Mary Collier married John H. Owens of Monroe County in 1803.

Elizabeth married Rev. Thomas Dunn, a Methodist preacher.

Anne (Nancy) married John Hardeman first and George Menafee second, and her husband, John Hardeman, had a sister named Esther, who married John Everett.

There was an awful mixup in those days, as they did not have any automobiles and did not get very far away from home to marry.

Is the ex-sheriff, Ben Collier, of Jefferson a brother to Lock, your uncle.

Your uncle Lock W. Collier, please tell me what the "W" is for in his name, was he married, give me the name of his wife and the names of his children and where they reside as near as possible.

Whenever you see a "V" in the Collier's name it is for Vines.

Can you give me names of the brothers of your father?

You have your records down very good, and you are a descendant of the Vines who married Sarah Williamson and came from Virginia to Georgia in 1780 and settled in Wilkes County, which later became Oglethorpe.

I expect to make a trip to the various towns over in that section very shortly, getting up a complete record of the Collier data.

Kindly give a great deal of thought to your reply and let me have it at your convenience sometime during the next ten days.

Very respectfully,

JCC:S

J. C. COLLIER.